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MARGINAL COLUMN
By GEORGE LEONOF

IF Mr. Eisenhower's latest reply to Marshal Bulganin is not marked down, at some later date, as the turning point in American-Soviet relations, it will not be the fault of the U.S. President. In general the reply was a welcome example of studied moderation, and the recurrent theme that ran through the entire correspondence was America's desire for better understanding and normal relations with the Soviet Union. But it is the opening that comes so close to being classic, when viewed against the backdrop of recent exchanges between the two countries, that it is worth quoting in full:

I begin to wonder, Mr. Chairman, whether we shall get anywhere by continuing to write speeches to each other. As I read your successive lengthy missives of December 10, January 8 and February 1, I cannot avoid the feeling that if our two countries are to move ahead to the establishment of better relations, we must find some ways other than mere prolongation of repetitive public debate...

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ONE rather suspects that this single paragraph will have a particular effect on Marshal Bulganin and Mr. Khrushchev. It should. It has had a powerful impact on most people who read Mr. Eisenhower's communication, and the Soviet leaders would be sadly lacking the political acumen which is ascribed to them if they do not realize to what extent the American President's appeal reflects almost universal apathy to the recent fashion of exchanging pondereous politico-legalistic argumentations. Mr. Eisenhower does not pretend that everything has been said and done. He does suggest, however, that less be said and more done. In this respect the President revealed that the U.S. is "accordingly consulting with some other interested nations as to the desirability of exploring, through more normal channels, the prospects of a top-level meeting" which would not "end up in the ludicrous posture of our just glaring silently at each other across the table."

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A SIGNIFICANT portion of the reply emphasizes the U.S. Government's categorical rejection of war as an instrument of foreign policy, and recalls America's initiative after the First World War in bringing about the Pact of Paris in which nations of the world renounced war. This section is not a formal answer to the Soviet call for a non-aggression pact between the Great Powers, but it is doubtful whether a signed treaty could carry more conviction than the following statement by the President:

Our people's rejection of many foreign and domestic aspects of Soviet methods and policies is, however, demonstrably not a moving cause to war. Otherwise we would have struck when we had atomic weapons and the Soviet Union had none; or when we had thermonuclear bombs and the Soviet Union had none.

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THE Soviet Government might insist that a non-aggression agreement for, say, 20 years has every advantage over a declaration by an American President who is elected every four years. But Russia would be hard put to pretend that it is not just as satisfactory as a basis for negotiations with a U.S. Administration headed by this particular President.

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MR. Eisenhower's letter does not seem to require a written reply. He has put forward no conditions to an immediate start of preparatory discussions that could lead to a summit meeting — except one. And this is that the conference should not be restricted to considering only Soviet proposals, but that American proposals should be given equal treatment. If there is any suggestion of another condition, it is contained in the assumption that "you will understand, of course, that whatever be the preparatory procedure, these would, as far as the U.S. was concerned, require the participation of our Secretary of State." It is an unusual expression of support for Mr. Dulles — unusual because Mr. Eisenhower saw fit to make it in a letter to a foreign state which can have absolutely no say in the matter. Its significance seems to lie in that it makes clear both to Russia and to Western nations who have been critical of the Secretary of State, that America's abandonment of her former insistence on a Foreign Ministers conference to precede summit talks is in no way a reflection on Mr. Dulles' authority and influence in the conduct of foreign affairs.

Jerusalem, February 18.

Dag May Discuss M-E In London, Moscow

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday. — The possibility that the Middle Eastern problem may be considered by the U.N. Secretary-General with the heads of the Soviet and British Governments was seen here today when Mr. Dag Hammarskjold announced two itineraries which indicate that he will definitely visit both Moscow and London next month.

Mr. Hammarskjold said he would visit London as guest of the British Government for three days, beginning on March 31.

A U.N. official confirmed the visit to Moscow today in an oblique manner, commenting that Mr. Hammarskjold has proposed to the Soviet Government that his visit be scheduled for March 16.

While it was certain that proposals for a summit conference and disarmament talks would be the principal items on Mr. Hammarskjold's agenda when he visits both capitals, it was believed that he would also discuss the Middle East. The Secretary-General has stated many times in the past, after visits to foreign capitals, that he always discusses all outstanding issues affecting the U.N. and the countries he visits.

U.N. sources said the visit would give Mr. Hammarskjold an opportunity to discuss the possibility of making U.N. Headquarters the venue for a summit conference.

Mr. Hammarskjold's travel plans have been rendered uncertain because of the French-Tunisian situation, but it was learned that he still hoped to go to Malaya for the opening of the annual meeting of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) on March 8, visiting Moscow on his way home.

When Mr. Hammarskjold last month made a special two-day visit to Britain for private talks with Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, he was understood to have discussed summit conference questions, the disarmament deadlock and other matters affecting the U.N. *(INA, UP)*

Urrutia Denies Saying B-G 'Impossible'

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (INA). — Dr. Francisco Urrutia of Colombia today categorically denied that he had ever said he had found dealing with Israel and Premier Ben-Gurion "impossible."

Mr. Dag Hammarskjold's personal representative, who mediated in the Mt. Scopus dispute recently, condemned a New York press report to that effect yesterday.

He praised highly the co-operation he received during his recent discussions with both Mr. Ben-Gurion and the Jordan Foreign Minister, Samir Rifa'i.

Russia Withdrawing Troops in Germany

BERLIN, Tuesday (Reuter). — Russia is withdrawing from East Germany and disbanding two mechanized divisions, an anti-aircraft division, three independent artillery brigades, and five independent anti-aircraft brigades, it was officially announced today.

Gen. Zakharov, Commander of Soviet troops in East Germany, was quoted by the news agency ADN as saying that Western reporters could attend the farewell ceremonies.

He did not say when the withdrawal would start, but Mr. Otto Grotewohl, East German Premier, said on February 9 that Russia would start withdrawing 41,000 men this month.

Urges Counter-Bloc Of Turkey, Greece, Israel

ANKARA, Tuesday (INA). — Federation of Turkey, Greece and Israel as a counter-weight against the new Arab blocs was urged today by Prof. Nihat Erim, former Vice-Premier and influential member of the Republican Party.

Prof. Erim, an authority on international law, told a Republican rally that geo-political conditions made such an alliance "imperative." He said, "These three countries could unite in a counter-balance to the Arab and Slav blocs in the Middle East."

6 Egyptians Jailed As Communists

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Six Egyptian students and workers have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from one to three years by the Supreme Military Court for membership in the outlawed Communist Party.

15-YEAR TERMS FOR JORDANIAN LEFTISTS

Fourteen Communist and El Ba'ath Party leaders, including three lawyers, were each sentenced to 15 years imprisonment with hard labour, and confiscation of their property, by a Ramallah military tribunal, the Old City daily "A-Diffa" reported yesterday.

Nehru Fears Israel Action on Mergers

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (Reuter). — Premier Nehru declared today that there were some "ominous sounds coming from Israel" following the announcements of the formation of the United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria, and the Federation of Iraq and Jordan.

He declared in Parliament that "there is some danger that as a result of what has happened, Israel might want to take precipitate action. If such a kind of thing happens, one never knows where it might lead to."

Mr. Nehru said India welcomed the formation of the United Arab Republic "because it was obvious that this was a popular union and that people in both countries were eager for it."

Doubts About Federation

But he did not know whether the Federation of Iraq and Jordan was meant as a counter-union or whether the people of the two countries wanted such a federation.

Turning to the Tunisian crisis, Mr. Nehru said the French bombing of Sakiet village was "one of those relatively few incidents of horror" which had made a powerful impact on people.

He said he did not think a summit conference should be preceded by a Foreign Ministers' meeting.

India was not opposed to prior meeting of Foreign Ministers, but he suggested that some sort of "informal and private" negotiations to prepare the way for a summit conference would be more fruitful.

180 Die in Eastern U.S. Snow Storms

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — More than 180 persons have died in the blizzards which have swept wide stretches of the eastern U.S. since the weekend.

The Arctic spell continues. Snow was still piled high this morning over most of the region and biting gales drove the blizzard into Canada, with temperatures in some areas down to minus 45 degrees centigrade, the lowest in 12 years. Confusion prevailed on both sides of the border.

In Washington, most Government workers were given a second day off as the capital was paralyzed by the heaviest snowfall in 22 years, with the winds piling up drifts two metres deep and the streets coated with ice.

In New York, temperatures have remained below freezing point, and many persons were seen on skis along Madison Avenue.

In Atlanta, Georgia, 11 Negro children and their mother died, trapped in their burning home.

Israel Offers Japanese Isotope Training

TOKYO, Tuesday (UP). — Israel officially invited Japan today to send one or two scientists to Israel for eight weeks' training at the new isotope training centre of the Weizmann Institute.

The offer was extended today by the Israel Legation to Dr. Seiji Kaya, Chairman of the Japan Council of Science. Israel is inviting scientists from many Afro-Asian nations to promote her isotope research.

Eligible for the invitation are holders of doctorate or master of science degrees in medicine, engineering, physics, chemistry or biology. Israel will pay all expenses for the study with the exception of travel fare.

Lebanon Spurns IPC Offer on Oil Transit

BEIRUT, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Government has rejected an offer on oil transit dues made by the Iraq Petroleum Company, whose pipes run through the Lebanon, it was learned today.

The Company's offer was made at the first meeting of resumed negotiations in a dispute which began in 1956 when the Lebanese Government demanded increased transit dues. The talks have now broken down.

The offer, according to Government sources, would give the Lebanon between £600,000 and £700,000 annually — about the same figure as at present. But the Lebanon had expected the Company to offer more.

Cyprus Solution Is 'Possible,' Lloyd Says

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd said today he believes it is possible to establish common ground on which a mutually acceptable solution of the Cyprus problem could be based.

He made this statement in a report to the Commons on his recent talks with Turkish and Greek Government leaders. He declared that further urgent discussions are necessary, and that all measures necessary to preserve law and order would be taken.

The Opposition's chief foreign affairs spokesman, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, welcomed Mr. Lloyd's statement that urgent discussions would take place. But the Opposition could not exempt the Government from a very large share of responsibility for the deterioration in Cyprus over a number of years. He asked what form these discussions would take and when Mr. Lloyd would be able to make a further statement.

Mr. Lloyd replied, "I think it would be unwise for me to state today exactly the nature of the further discussions because there are wider issues."

Amid Opposition cheers and Conservative counter-shouts Mr. Bevan said, "Is it not necessary for the sake of peace in the island that some idea should be given of the form that the discussions are taking because we do not want another outbreak of violence?"

In Athens Archbishop Makarios told a trade union meeting that "the British are vainly trying to transfer their responsibilities (in Cyprus) onto the shoulders of the Turkish Government."

U.S. Says N. Korea 'Hijacked' Plane

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — The State Department said today that the American pilot of the South Korean airliner which flew into North Korea on Sunday was "hijacked" at pistol point by Communist agents.

The Department said this belief was supported by reports that some of the passengers were wounded.

The civilian airliner, carrying 34 passengers and crew, had been due to land at Seoul, the South Korean capital.

The North Korean radio has claimed that the plane incident resulted from a defection to the Communists.

The Department's spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White said that there was no possibility that the airliner's pilot did anything in connection with the flight to North Korea "except at the point of a pistol."

France Determined To Keep Bases in Tunisia

Foreign Minister Christian Pineau said last night in Paris that France is determined to maintain control of the naval base of Bizerta and its airfields, while the Tunisian President, Habib Bourguiba, was quoted by "Le Monde" as saying the French must evacuate it and allow it to have a "new status."

M. Pineau's statement to members of the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Commission was seen here as indicating limits to French willingness to make concessions in any negotiations with Tunisia.

Tunisian leaders were reported as saying that they would demand the total withdrawal of the 15,000 French troops stationed in Tunisia.

President Bourguiba told the Paris paper "Le Monde" that evacuation of French troops from Tunisia must be carried out according to a "reasonable" timetable.

Not So Important

He said he would consult NATO experts on the use which could be made of Bizerta in the defence of the free world. He added that the base does not have the importance which French military leaders "are trying to give it."

When the situation had eased, he declared, he would approach the U.S. and Britain for military and economic aid.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the Tunisian Government "is not displaying a sense of conciliation in the spirit of the good offices offered by Britain and the U.S."

Rebels Go Inland

He added that about 1,500 Algerian rebels on Monday moved with their arms and equipment from Sakiet and other points on the Algerian-Tunisian border about 50 kms. further inland inside Tunisia. The move, he said, was apparently made in anticipation of a possible future international inspection of the frontier.

The spokesman said there appeared to be between 5,000 and 7,000 armed Algerian insurgents on Tunisian soil, and 10,000 to 15,000 civilian Algerian refugees who have moved across the border in the last four years.

French Embassy sources in Tunis reported that three French nationals were slightly wounded by shots in Sousse yesterday. The caretakers of a French girls' school and his wife were slightly wounded, and another man was wounded. Local police said it was "an isolated act." *(Reuter)*

Council Adjourns On Tunisia Issue

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Security Council adjourned today after adopting an agenda including a Tunisian complaint of French "aggression" and a French counter-charge of Tunisian aid to the Algerian insurgents. The decision to adjourn was unanimous, and was taken to give Anglo-U.S. "offers of good offices" a chance to achieve a settlement.

The Tunisian complaint followed the French bombing 10 days ago of the Tunisian village of Sakiet Sidi Youssef on the Tunisian-Algerian border. The French said the village was a base for Algerian rebels. The Tunisians, denying this, said 75 civilians were killed in the raid.

The American and British offers of acting as "go-betweens" were made separately on Monday, and both Tunisia and France have agreed to accept them.

M. Georges Picot, the French Ambassador, said that in agreeing to the adoption of the agenda, France did not intend to agree to the wording used in the Tunisian complaint. France felt that what was involved was not an act of aggression "isolated in time and space," an act for which regret had been voiced and measures taken to provide indemnity for the damage caused.

Other points could be raised in that connection, he said. "As we have already agreed to the offer of good offices of Britain and the U.S. we have nothing further to say at this time," he added.

Mr. Slim told the Council he did not wish in any way to impede the "good course of these good offices," but he would like to stress that the Tunisian Government would "not spare any effort to have the attempted mediation take its course properly."

His government wished to make it clear that it sought to have an act of aggression recorded and sought to have the Council take such measures as it might deem suitable in order to put an end to a situation which endangered security — of Tunisia especially — owing to the presence of French troops in Tunisia.

Sudanese Study Steps Against Cairo Demands

NASSER SEEKS TERRITORY

KHARTOUM, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Cabinet met in Khartoum today to consider Egypt's allegation that Sudanese troops are in her territory, and her demand that they shall be pulled out in the next two days.

Egypt was reported to have backed up the demand by dispatching troops into the disputed area, but Col. Abdul Nasser in a cable to the Abdul Rahman Mahadi, leader of the ruling Umma Party, described the report as "lies."

The Sudanese Government has asked the political parties to provide a list of men with previous military service and also young volunteers.

Small groups of demonstrators shouted anti-Egyptian slogans in the streets here today, but the city generally remained quiet.

The Egyptian Ambassador earlier today protested to the Sudanese Premier against the alleged movement of troops.

Prime Minister Abdullah Khalil told his Cabinet that there were no Sudanese troops in Egyptian territory, but there was a small Sudanese garrison of frontier guards operating from Halaib, north of the 22nd parallel.

Sets Friday Deadline

Egypt has demanded surrender of all Sudanese territory north of the 22nd parallel before Friday, date of a plebiscite in Egypt and Syria on their recently achieved union, Khalil said at a press conference today. The Sudan is holding general elections on February 27, in which the disputed area is included.

The Prime Minister emphasized that Sudan intends asserting sovereignty over the 10,000 square mile area, in Kassala Province, which mainly borders the Red Sea and is populated by nomadic tribes. There is also a small enclave north of Wadi Halfa on the Nile.

Khalil said the Sudan received Egypt's demand on February 1. Egypt offered to hand over a small area south of the parallel. But before the Sudan replied to this, information was received that Egyptian troops had arrived in the Red Sea area.

Strained Relations

The Premier said he had asked the Egyptian Ambassador to inform his Government that if this were true, it would seriously strain Sudanese-Egyptian relations. He told the envoy that the Sudanese frontier had been established 60 years ago and confirmed by the recent Anglo-Egyptian agreement that followed the proclamation of Sudan's independence on January 1, 1956.

The Premier pointed out that the last elections were run according to the present frontiers and supervised by a commission which included two Egyptians.

The Sudanese Government argues that the disputed area has been administered from Khartoum since 1902 — three years after the Anglo-Egyptian condominium agreement which defined Sudanese territory — and has never been claimed by Egypt before.

The Sudanese want Egypt to await the result of the Sudanese election on February 27 before discussing the question.

Early today the Sudanese Foreign Minister, Mohammed Mahmoub, flew to Cairo and conferred with the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Fawzi. He was later to see Abdul Nasser.

Syrians Open Fire On Israel Workers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — Syrian forces this morning opened machinegun and rifle fire on a group of Israel workers digging a drainage canal in the reclaimed Hula area, north of Ashmora. At the same time, a small unit of Syrian soldiers crossed the border into Israel and opened fire on the workers from a range of about 300 metres.

On the spot at the time of the shooting were a U.N. Observer and an Israel liaison officer.

There were no casualties but several bullets hit an Israel police car and shattered the wind screen of a U.N. jeep. The fire was not returned.

The shots, numbering between 15 and 20, came from the Syrian position on Tel Hilat, situated between two U.N. observation posts on the Syrian side of the border.

A complaint has been lodged with the Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission. Work was interrupted for a short while only and was resumed immediately after the shooting.

The 22nd parallel, the area north of which Egypt is claiming, runs about 40 kms. south of the border as seen in the map.

Sarraj Flees to Egypt, Says Beirut Paper

Col. Abdul Hamid Sarraj, chief of the Syrian Army Second (Intelligence) Bureau, has fled to Egypt following an order for his arrest issued by Defence Minister Khaled Azem for complicity in a plot against the regime, "Ma'ariv" reported yesterday, quoting the Beirut evening paper, "Le Soir."

There were no reports last night from other sources to confirm this. The Beirut report claimed that following announcement of the United Arab Republic, tension had sharpened between the Chief of Staff, Afif Bizri — who is backed by pro-Soviet elements, including the Defence Minister — and Sarraj, who has the support of the Socialist El Ba'ath Party, which wishes to eliminate Communist influence in the Syrian Army.

The belief was expressed that the Chief of Staff and the Defence Minister took advantage of the imminent unification of the Syrian and Egyptian armies to attempt to purge Sarraj and imprison him. If Sarraj had really escaped, the report said, it may be taken for granted that he would ask Abdul Nasser for aid.

It was reported that Syria is in a ferment over the latest developments in the merger. The Syrian security authorities have made several dozen more arrests of persons suspected of taking part in the plot to incite the people against the forthcoming plebiscite on the merger, including members of the outlawed Syrian National Party which has distributed anti-U.A.R. leaflets in many towns.

(Leader — Page 4.)

Britain Denies Alerting Troops

NICOSIA, Tuesday (UP). — A British Middle East Command spokesman said today British troops had not been alerted nor were any troop movements forecast in connection with the Egyptian-Sudanese border dispute.

He said there was no military treaty in existence with the Sudan.

At the same time, he denied reports that the Royal Air Force had received orders to cease using Khartoum as a refuelling and supply base. He said no R.A.F. personnel were stationed there.

(In Washington, the State Department said it has asked the U.S. embassies in Cairo and Khartoum to seek further information about Egypt's claim to an area of Northern Sudan. The Department spokesman said some reports had been received in Washington, but the Department knew virtually nothing about the claim.)

U.K. Scraps Two Bases, Ups Health Service Fees

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Britain's economy-minded Conservative Government announced today that it was boosting health service charges and closing two naval bases in an effort to balance the nation's hard-hit finances.

Both decisions were bound to stir up another angry storm against the Government, less than a week after is humiliating defeat in the key Rochdale parliamentary by-election. But they reflected Prime Minister Macmillan's determination to continue battling inflation regardless of the reaction of voters.

The Government also announced plans to eliminate six Royal Air Force establishments in Britain.

Announcements of he economy moves were made almost simultaneously to Parliament.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Derick Heathcoat Amory told the Commons that, effective next July, all male workers would contribute an extra six pence per week to the national health service.

All working women will have their weekly contribution increased by four pence and juveniles two pence.

In the House of Lords, the Earl of Selkirk, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced plans to close the Navy's Sheerness and Portland dockyards and to scrap the Royal Navy's Nore Command.

Rome Parley Today On Suez Payments

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Abdul Gelil el Emari, Governor of Egypt's National Bank, left by air for Rome today for talks opening tomorrow with World Bank officials on compensation for shareholders of the Suez Canal Company.

Finance Minister Abdul Moneim el Kaissouny said today, "Egypt's stand is to compensate shareholders against the handing over of the company's assets."

Egypt's last known offer is to buy the company's shares at the price quoted at the time the company was nationalized in July, 1956. Egypt also demanded the surrender of all the company's assets, much of which is held in France.

CHURCHILL INDISPOSED

NICE, Tuesday (Reuter). — Sir Winston Churchill is indisposed and must stay in bed, his private secretary, Mr. Montague Brown, said tonight.

Report to Knesset Body On European Council

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee yesterday discussed problems concerning the Council of Europe and the European Common Market after hearing reports by members of the Israel delegation to the recent conference of the Council.

The reports were made by Knesset Members David Lifschitz and Peretz Bernstein, Mr. Maurice Fisher, Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, and Mr. Moshe Bartur, Director of the Economic Division of the Foreign Ministry.

The Israel delegation to the conference, held in January, made the first serious attempts to find a formula for a working arrangement with the Council of Europe, the source of the economic unions now being formed in Europe. These include the European Common Market, which will start functioning next January, and the proposed Free Trade Area.

At a result of the delegation's discussions in the Council's Economic Committee, the question of Israel's relations with the Council was put on its agenda and will be reconsidered at the next meeting, in April or May.

Tsur Confers At Quai d'Orsay

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS, Tuesday. — The Israel Ambassador, Mr. Ya'acov Tsur, conferred today with MM. Joxe and Sebillou, respectively Secretary-General and Chief of the Africa-Levant Division of the Foreign Ministry.

It was the Ambassador's first official call since his return from Israel and the meeting lasted one hour.

Sukarno, Hatta to Meet On Indonesian Crisis

JAKARTA, Tuesday. — President Sukarno and former Vice-President Mohammed Hatta will meet shortly in an effort to head off bloodshed in the growing revolt in Indonesia, the news agency Antara said today.

Leaders of the recently formed rebel regime in Central Sumatra have promised to halt the rebellion if Dr. Sukarno will agree to cooperate with Dr. Hatta, who resigned last year in protest at Dr. Sukarno's concept of a "guided democracy" which, he claimed, is too close to Communism.

Antara said the possibility of a Sukarno-Hatta meeting was announced by the nine-member parliamentary committee assigned to bring the two leaders together to resolve their differences. The group said a request for a meeting has been sent to both men.

It was reported from Sumatra that the rebel forces were still practising defence measures, in case Dr. Sukarno uses force instead of agreeing to their demands to bring Dr. Hatta into the Central Government and throw out the Communists.

The powerful Communist Party here called for firm action against the rebels.

The Army spokesman announced today that Col. Somba, commander in Manado, North Celebes, has "sided with the rebels in Central Sumatra," despite his recent assurances of loyalty to the Central Government. *(UP, Reuter)*

LEBANON TO STAY SINGLE

The Lebanon has not received any invitation to join either of the two new Arab merged states, and will not join in any case, the Lebanese Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday, U.P. reported from Beirut.

In a statement on the emergence of the new states, he officially welcomed them, and said that the Lebanon would adopt a "brotherly" and co-operative attitude equally to each.

However, his statement pointed out that the Lebanon insists on "the preservation of her independence and sovereignty." *(See Middle East Scene — Page 4.)*

The Jordan Parliament yesterday unanimously approved the federation with Iraq. The extraordinary session lasted 150 minutes. The Iraqi Parliament had ratified the merger at a special session on Monday.

Almost half of the Jordan Deputies spoke in favour of the federation, and speakers were frequently interrupted by spectators who shouted, "Hussein and Faisal for ever." King Hussein was in the visitors gallery. Members of the diplomatic corps, including the Syrian and Egyptian envoys, attended the session.

The Old City daily "El Jihad" reported that the new slogan of the Arab Federated State (AFS) will be, "Regaining the plundered homeland, or death for its cause." It said that the producing of "good conduct certificates" for Jordan citizens wishing to enter Iraq would soon be abolished.

Syrians Force Down Lebanese Airliner

Syrian jet fighters yesterday forced down a Lebanese Middle East Airways Dakota plane, and the Syrian authorities released it after six hours' detention, the Arab News Agency reported.

The Syrians claimed that the plane, flying from Beirut to Kalandia airport outside the Old City of Jerusalem, had flown over military bases.

Yesterday A Woman Told It in Metulla . . .

Today a woman heard it in Eilat. Yes, like wildfire the knowledge spread among the women of Israel that "OR," Shemen's new washing powder, by its wonderful qualities, surpasses all expectations. Just put your linen into hot water with a little "OR" and two hours later, without any scrubbing or toil, it comes out in splendid whiteness. On your next washing day try "OR" and you will be convinced.

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Social & Personal

The President yesterday received Mr. Zalman Shragai and Mr. Moshe Kol, members of the Jewish Agency Executive. Mr. Ben-Zvi also received two M.K.'s, Dr. S. Yunitchman and Mr. Faris Hamdan, as well as Mr. I. Parnes, editor of the Brasil "Yiddisher Zeitung," accompanied by Mr. Y. Lis, of the Keren Hayesod.

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The Netherlands Minister of Health and Welfare and Mrs. J. G. Suurhoff were yesterday guests of the management of the National Insurance Institute in Jerusalem. They were entertained to luncheon by the Director of the Institute, Dr. G. Lotan, and Mrs. Lotan. Among the guests were the Netherlands Minister to Israel and Mrs. J. Bas Backer, the Director-General of the Ministry of Labour and senior officials of the National Insurance Institute. The Minister also visited Beit Shemesh, accompanied by the Director-General of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Mr. Bar-Sela.

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The Yugoslav Minister, Mr. M. Dragoje Djuric, visited the Potash Works on Sunday. He was accompanied by Mr. Nathan Peled, the Political Secretary of Mapam.

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Mr. Haji Uziz Alkanian, a leading member of Persian Jewry, yesterday visited the Jerusalem Municipality accompanied by Mr. Zufi Zoda. They were received by Deputy Mayor R. Kalantar.

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The Tel Aviv-Jaffa branch of the Israel Dentists Association at its annual meeting elected Dr. N. Ben-Bassat Chairman; Dr. Y. Seifert Vice-Chairman; Dr. A. Sarnat and Dr. P. Kaganton-Eluchin Co-Secretaries, Mr. A. Roth Treasurer.

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Twenty-eight members of the Rotary Club of Rishon LeZion visited the Hebrew University yesterday, where they were received by Rabbi B. Casper, Dean of Students, and were afterwards guests at a University luncheon.

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The Tel Aviv Journalists Association yesterday gave a reception at Beit Sokolow for Mr. Moshe Ron, its General Secretary, before his departure on a mission to South America on behalf of the Tenth Anniversary Committee. Mr. Nelson T. De Oliveira, the Brazilian Minister, representatives of the Government Press Information Office, newspaper editors and members of the Association were among those present.

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Mr. Eliahu Salpeter, the chief correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Israel, was host on Monday afternoon at a cocktail party at his home in Jerusalem to meet Mr. Victor Eienstock, General Manager of the J.T.A. in New York. The American Consul-General, Mr. Albert Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. Abe Harman; officials of the Foreign Ministry; and many members of the foreign and local press corps attended.

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A symposium for engineers, agriculturalists and irrigation experts on aluminium irrigation pipes will take place at the Beitenu Hall, 29 Rehov Yerushalayim, Haifa, this morning at 9.30. The programme includes a tour of the Tami factory.

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Mr. Moshe Rosetti, Clerk of the Knesset, will address the Jerusalem Rotary Club on "Parliamentary Life in Israel," at the Y.M.C.A. at 1.15 today.

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Dr. W. Gross, of "Ha'aretz," will speak on "A Lightning Tour of India and Ceylon" at the ZOA House Social and Cultural Club tonight at 8.45.

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STERN — To Tamar and Gideon Stern a son, Doron, on February 18, 1958.

M.D.A. Lottery Winner Named

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The winner of the Ford "Prefect" in the recent Magen David Adom lottery was Mr. Moshe Kopperberg, a diamond worker of Natanya. Prize winners were announced at a ceremony here on Sunday.

Other prizes were an Amcor refrigerator, a gas cooker, a motorbike, radios and typewriters. In this lottery, 183,000 tickets were sold, as against 89,000 in the previous year.

Two-hundred-and-twenty Magen David representatives met in Rehovot to organize country-wide elementary first-aid courses, to train additional volunteers to cope with accidents and emergencies.

The Bank Leumi, which won the gas cooker, is raffling its prize off among its workers. All proceeds of the supplementary lottery will go to the M.D.A.

AN EL AL plane brought 12 Persian immigrant families comprising 78 persons from Teheran yesterday. The newcomers were immediately transferred to development areas in Hatsor and Beisan.

Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in U.S. Proposal

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (USIS). — A great deal of thought has been given here lately to the problem of reserving the use of outer space to peaceful purposes only.

President Eisenhower, in his letter last month to Soviet Premier Bulganin; Secretary of State Dulles, in his Press Club speech a few days later; and Senate Majority Leader Johnson, with his proposal that outer-space exploration be put under the aegis of the United Nations — all have urged that the problem be attacked immediately, lest missiles, satellites and other such objects of possible military use make space a new battlefield.

What has perhaps not been generally understood is that the American proposals would by no means close space to further exploration or use. Scientists already have cited the practical non-military uses to which space vehicles can be put — and they are impressive both in number and scope.

Perhaps the most dramatic peacetime use of space envisions an almost instantaneous mail service via earth satellites. Under this proposal, a satellite would be equipped with a radio receiver, a tape recorder, and a radio transmitter.

At it passes over, say, a Western European city, a satellite so equipped could receive and put on tape messages intended for a Far Eastern city. When it passes over the Far Eastern city, an impulse from the ground would turn the tape recorder to "play back" and the messages would be received and taped on the ground. This, in turn, would clear the tape for any messages that the Far Eastern city wished to transmit.

Speed Essential

Speed in taping messages is, of course, highly essential to such a plan. But scientists point out that, by way of the so-called quick-coding mechanisms already available, that part of the chore could easily be handled for a multitude of messages. Six satellites, each equipped with receiver, tape recorder and transmitter, would be sufficient to handle all the world's mail, reducing maximum mailing time for any message anywhere to one hour or less.

Culturally, much of the world could be brought closer together through television, with about one-half of the globe able to enjoy programmes transmitted from one place. This would be accomplished by way of an aluminum-coated, balloon-like satellite. Orbiting so that its speed would match the rotation of the earth, it would remain at the same spot above the earth.

Programmes broadcast from a single TV station could be bounced off the reflecting surface of the man-made moon and received on television sets in an area extending, for example, from the West Coast of the U.S. eastward to Central Europe.

All these proposals — and scientists do not consider them by any means utopian — make up part of the promise that the peaceful, rather than the military, use of outer space holds.

ZENA HARMAN AT UNICEF MEETING

Mrs. Zena Harman, Director of the International Organizations Division of the Foreign Ministry, will attend the Executive Committee meeting of U.N.I.C.E.F. in New York on March 4.

Mrs. Harman is First Deputy to the Chairman of the Committee.

Sees Fastest Ever Rocket Airplane

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — A Soviet scientist predicted today that Russia would be the first to produce a rocket plane capable of safely re-entering the earth's atmosphere after cruising through space at thousands of miles an hour.

Writing in the "Soviet News," scientist V. Alexandrov said he was "confident" Russia would be first because it has the combination of intercontinental ballistic missile engines and "a new highly calorific fuel."

"The rapid development of rocket techniques," he wrote, "makes it possible already to plan aircraft capable of flying like rockets in the upper layers of the atmosphere. The rocket plane is a flying machine that rises like a rocket into outer space and then lands like an ordinary airplane.

"After rapidly developing a speed of 7,000-10,000 miles per hour the engine is stopped and the plane continues its flight by inertia. As it curves down into the dense layers of the atmosphere its wings create lift and it begins to glide.

"This lift and its own tremendous reserves of speed allow it to rise covering many thousands of miles without fuel.

"How will it land without burning away like a sputnik?

"Some way of slowing it down is needed. A good way is to rapidly increase the area of its friction against the air. Take an eagle landing, for instance. At first it folds its wings and falls like a stone. When it comes sufficiently near to the ground it opens its wings to their full breadth. Our rocket plane must similarly 'unfold its wings' at a height of 50-60 miles."

Indian Millionaire Industrialist Arrested

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (Reuter). — Police today arrested on charges of conspiracy Haridas Mundhar, a 38-year-old multimillionaire industrialist who has bought over the past few years a controlling interest in several large industrial concerns which were formerly British.

Mr. Mundhar was involved in a recent Government inquiry into investments made by the state-owned Life Insurance Corporation in companies controlled by him.

Finance Minister T. Krishnamachari resigned last Thursday after a judicial commission had found that the corporation had made unsound investments.

Stamp Judaica To Hold Congress

A symposium on "Jews and Judaism" is to be organized by the International Society of Stamp Judaica during the coming year, the national executive decided at its last meeting.

It was also decided to hold an exhibition of stamps on this subject. Both events will be held in Ashkelon Municipal Hall. All those persons desirous of participating in the exhibition should contact the Society P.O.B. 81, Ashkelon.

FLOOD.—More than 75 cms. of rain flooded Mackay, in northern Queensland, and stranded 500 passengers in an express train near the town.

Purim Caravan For J'lem Corridor

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A caravan of 50 cars, trucks and buses, carrying more than 1,000 youngsters is to descend on the Jerusalem Corridor from the capital this Purim to help 38 settlements celebrate the holiday. This was stated yesterday in Jerusalem by Mr. Y. Yosifon, head of the Telem theatre group, Mr. Arye Hirsch, head of the Histadrut's Corridor Authority, and Mr. Shimshon Ze'evi, head of the Y.M.H.A. in the capital.

This will be the fourth consecutive year that the capital has sent goodwill emissaries to the Corridor.

The caravan is to be accompanied by the Jerusalem Police Band.

Oranges as Gifts

The purpose of the outing, sponsored by a Public Committee headed by Mayor Gershon Agron, is not only to bring entertainment to the settlements but also to induce the settlers to hold parties and ceremonies with as little outside help as possible.

The Jerusalemites — mostly youngsters from the different youth movements — will bring no presents except for oranges.

The Citrus Marketing Board has donated 4.5 tons of fruit for the occasion, but donations of other goods, candies and wines, have not been adequate this year.

'Archaeology Changes Approach to Bible', Yadin

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). — The "New York Herald-Tribune's" second article in its current series on Israel, written by Dr. Yigael Yadin, today deals with Israel archaeology and how it "has revolutionized the approach to and understanding of the Bible."

Dr. Yadin declared that Israel archaeologists have wrested Biblical study from the hands of "dry" specialists, and made it "a centre of interest for all, young and old, believers and agnostics, scholars and laymen."

He stated, "it is the aim of Biblical archaeology in Israel today to uncover relics of Biblical Israel, and thus make the Book of Books more understandable to all peoples "whose lives have been shaped by its teachings."

Car Trips Cable, Injures Worker

PETAH TIKVA, Tuesday. — Avraham Reish, 45, of Petah Tikva was injured yesterday when he was caught up by a telephone cable drum on the Petah Tikva-Tel Aviv road.

The accident occurred when a car, driven allegedly at high speed by Arie Yagness, 49, of Ramat Gan, became entangled in the cable which was being laid by a gang of workers.

Mr. Reish was caught by the drum and dragged for some distance. After receiving medical treatment at the Beilinson Hospital, he was sent home.

Yagness was detained.

U.K. Sets Up M.E. Advisory Trade Body

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The President of the Board of Trade, Sir David Eccles, has set up an advisory council to keep the Government in touch with representatives of British industry and commerce, who have practical experience of selling in the Middle East.

He told the Commons yesterday that the chairman will be the Minister of State at the Board of Trade, Mr. John Vaughan-Morgan. The Council would include a number of businessmen and officials from the Treasury, Board of Trade, and the Exports Credits Guarantee Department.

Sir David said he was confident the Council would make a substantial contribution to "developing trade with countries in the Middle East to our mutual advantage."

Two Scenes showing the aftermath of the Munich plane crash which killed several members of Britain's crack football team, Manchester United. Picture top shows injured players Denis Viollett, left, and Albert Scanlon sharing basket of fruit as they lie in their hospital beds in Munich; picture bottom shows the funeral of Frank Swift, sports writer and former England goalkeeper killed in the crash. Express Photo

Japan Has Rival In Offshore Kuwait Drilling

TOKYO, Tuesday (Reuter). — A spokesman for Japanese interests said today that U.S. and British oil companies are apparently bidding vigorously against Japan for Kuwait's half-interest in an underwater area off the Saudi Arabia-Kuwait neutral zone.

The Japanese bidder — an oil company representing businessmen seeking oil concessions — said it had been informed that Kuwait would wait until February 28 for all bids to come in.

American and British companies are convinced there is oil in the off-shore area, the spokesman said.

The chief Japanese negotiator, Mr. Tako Yamashita, signed a contract with Saudi Arabia in December, giving the company the right to search and drill in the area, but subsequent negotiations with Kuwait ran into difficulties.

16.5m. Eggs Sent Out Last Year

Exports of eggs totalled 16.5 million at the end of January 1958 at an average price of 3 to 4 cents per egg, it was announced yesterday by the spokesman of the Ministry of Agriculture in Jerusalem.

The countries of destination were Greece, Cyprus, Malta, Italy, France and Switzerland. In addition the export of one-day old chicks has grown to considerable quantities. It had reached 600,000 worth $130,000 this year, the spokesman said. The added value in this export amounts to more than 70 per cent.

DRIVE YOURSELF TOURIST CARS

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Twenty new 1958 "drive yourself" cars will be made available for tourists, Mr. S. Sharef, general manager of Travex, declared today on arriving by Swissair from Switzerland. He concluded an agreement in Switzerland for a IL40,000 investment in his company, he said.

He also signed a contract for 100 U.S. servicemen stationed in Germany to visit here in chartered aircraft for Independence Day celebrations, he stated. Their tour will last 12 days. *(Itim)*

Prize for New Musical Work

A prize of IL500 in memory of Amikam Rom who fell in the War of Independence is offered to an Israel composer for a vocal or instrumental composition dedicated to 'The War of Independence' or 'Heroism in Israel.'

Composers should send compositions, that have not previously received prizes, to Mr. Amiran Pogachov, Senior Inspector of Music Education, the Ministry of Education and Culture, 6 Rehov Auerbach, Jaffa, not later than May 9, 1958.

Tenth Year Kit To Be Sent Abroad

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tenth Anniversary committees and Zionist organizations in 50 countries are to receive a "do it yourself" kit prepared by the Tenth Anniversary Committee in Israel.

Printed in three languages (English, French and Spanish), the kit contains written material covering every aspect of the celebrations, from sample editorials that may be used in the Jewish press, to music and words of Hebrew folk songs; a sample speech to be made when a prominent community leader is named chairman of the local anniversary committee and an address to be delivered at a mass meeting to launch a local celebration of the anniversary.

Three thousand copies of the brightly illustrated kit will be sent out.

'Asor' Song

A "Tenth Anniversary" song will be chosen by the audience attending a competition to be held on Thursday evening at the Y.M.C.A. Hall in Jerusalem.

Each member of the audience will be provided with a questionnaire on which to record his choice. The songs will be presented by the Kol Yisrael Orchestra and the Kol Zion Lagolah Choir. Actors Shmuel Segal and Shlomo Bar-Shavit of Habimah and the Dudaim troupe will also participate.

The programme will be broadcast over Kol Yisrael. Listeners will be requested to send in their choice after which the final selection will be made.

Greece and Switzerland

A former Greek Foreign Minister, Mr. Argyropoulis Terilies, was last week appointed chairman of the Israel Tenth Anniversary Committee in Greece at a festive meeting in Athens.

The meeting was attended by the Mayor of Athens, Prof. Evelpidis, four former Greek Cabinet Ministers, the President of the Greek Parliament, and public representatives, as well as the Chief Rabbi and leaders of Athens Jewish institutions. The Mayor, who is chairman of the Greek-Israel Friendship League, was among those who paid tribute to Israel at the meeting.

Prof. Hans Staub, Chairman of the Swiss-Israel Friendship League, has been elected honorary President of the Tenth Anniversary Committee in Switzerland.

Britannic Leaves After 2½ Day Visit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The British luxury liner s.s. Britannic left this evening with 500 American tourists after a two-and-a-half day visit.

As the ship left the quay, her orchestra lined the deck and played "Hatikva." Surprised onlookers in the Port jumped to attention as the National Anthem was played.

The Britannic's crew tried its prowess against Port Authority sportsmen this afternoon, but were beaten 2:0 at frotball and 966:586 at rifle sharpshooting.

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MORIAH: Blackboard Jungle.
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Permanent Exhibition of Antiquities. Recent finds: marble Statue of Nemesis. Department of Antiquities 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1; 3-5.

Oil paintings by Samuel Ra'ayoni; oil paintings and drawings by Lea Majaro-Minta. Jerusalem Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.

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WANTED furnished two-room or larger flat, Hadar or Mt. Carmel. Please write to: "G. G." P.O.B. 4910, Haifa.
TO LET in Zahala elegantly furnished house, 5½ rooms, with telephone. Please phone 9441, Tel Aviv.
FOR SALE in Zahala 3-room furnished house with garden. Apply: Klinger, 54 Rehov Sheinkin, 3rd floor, Tel Aviv.

Purchase—Sale

FOR SALE—Large size portable typewriter in excellent condition. Write to: "E.P.", P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem.

Situations Vacant

WANTED secretary for part-time position (approximately 20 hours per week). English shorthand typing essential; Hebrew desirable. Apply P.O.B. 339, Jerusalem.
WANTED Housekeeper, also charge of baby; sleep in. Write No. 1809, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem.
REQUIRED English typist/receptionist. Phone 26666, Tel Aviv.

Situations Wanted

CHARTERED accountant, university educated, fluent French, German, Hebrew, industrial-commercial experience; seeks position. Write No. 1931, P.O.B. 1125, Tel Aviv.

Vehicles

TOURIST wants to buy car from tourist. Write P.O.B. 3811, Tel Aviv.
WANTED good five-seater passenger car. Write to: P.O.X., Zion Hotel, Haifa.
WANTED TO HIRE for five months: car in excellent condition, 5 or 6 seats. Reply to: "G.G.", P.O.B. 4910, Haifa.

Today's Postbag

The Weather

Forecast: Fair, dry in hill regions.

Weather Synopsis: The Red Sea drought has spread over the Southeast Mediterranean.

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	40	6	17	16
Tiberias	39	12	25	23
Haifa Port	60	8	20	21
Natanya	67	8	23	23
Tel Aviv Kirya	64	70	21	22
Tel Aviv Port	74	8	18	20
Lydda Airport	61	2	21.4	22
Jerusalem	15	2	15	20
Beersheba	42	5	20	22
Sdom	—	25	36	34
Eilat	—	28	36	36

*A) Humidity at 5 p.m. B) Minimum temp. yesterday. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. David Bet-Arie, member of the Jewish Agency Executive and Head of the Department for Torah Education and Culture, from a tour of Asiatic Jewish communities.

Mrs. Moses Dyckman, national President of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America, for a short visit (by Air France).

DEPARTURES

A group of 32 Catholic clergymen from South Africa, after a two-day tour of the country.

The Honorary Liberian consul in Israel, Mr. Shlomo Moriel, for Monrovia, on official business.

Mr. Moshe Pearlman, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Public Affairs, for Ghana on a month's visit.

Rabbi J. Lookstein, Chairman of the American Committee for the Bar Ilan University, after a month's visit.

INFILTRATORS from the Gaza Strip on Monday night stole pipes and implements from Moshav Yisra'am and two neighbouring settlements in the western Negev.

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A SEFER TORAH belonging to the Sassoon family of Bombay will be presented to the youth synagogue at the Rabbi Uziel Religious State School in Jerusalem at a special ceremony tomorrow on Mt. Zion under the auspices of the Ministry for Religious Affairs.

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JERUSALEM MUNICIPAL authorities have issued a warning reminding both the public and shopkeepers that the sale and use of toy firearms is strictly forbidden except for blank firecrackers and pistols using "caps."

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ELECTIONS are to be held for seven Local Councils on the same day as polling for the Fourth Knesset, to eliminate administrative duplication. The Councils are: Kiryat Binyamin, Kfar Ganim, Tirat Hacarmel, Kfar Tabor, Kfar Yassif, Kiryat Haroshet and Ramat Hadar.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

The Struggle for Independence

February 19, 1948

A refugee ship, the s.s. Komemiut, carrying 700 visaless immigrants was seized off the coast of Palestine this afternoon by the Royal Navy. The vessel is being brought to Haifa Port.

In view of Mr. Creech Jones' assertions of British neutrality in Palestine, the Jewish Agency today announced that it would soon submit to the U.N. factual evidence showing the true character of that neutrality.

Israel Citrus Sales in Canada

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Canada this year purchased 100,000 boxes of Israel citrus, an amount which could be increased to half a million if this market was developed, Mr. Zvi Isaakson, President of the Farmers Federation, declared on his arrival by Swissair today. Canada annually buys six million boxes from California which is almost the same distance from Canada as Israel, he added.

Californian citrus this year had been damaged by cold weather, he stated. Mr. Isakson, who also visited France, Germany and Switzerland, said that citrus sales in these countries were good and brought favourable prices because of a European shortage of apples this year. *(Itim)*

CITRUS LOADING REACHES PEAK

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—A peak in loading citrus has been reached when 100,000 cases were loaded on one day. It is planned to load about 90,000 cases daily for the rest of the shipping season.

Prices of both shamuti and grapefruit continued to be satisfactory last week. In Britain they averaged 47 and 45/6 shillings respectively, and in Germany 52 and 53/6 sh.

Great Yeshiva "Beit Abraham," Jerusalem

WELCOME

We extend a full and cordial welcome to our dear friend who played such a great part in the establishment of our Yeshiva buildings,

Mrs. Dina Dyckman

Honorary President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Beit Abraham, N.Y.C.

on the occasion of her visit to Israel on a public mission.

May she find great blessing through the merit of our Holy Torah — Selah.

With deep sorrow we announce the passing away of our beloved and unforgettable husband, father and grandfather

Anatoli Grigorievitch Orlovsky

(Formerly of Harbin, China)

The funeral will leave from 46 Rehov Nachmani, Tel Aviv, at 2 p.m. today.

The bereaved family:

B.A. and Jacob Orlovsky, Tel Aviv
Gina and Milton Steinberg and Children, Paris

Cheaper Power For Industry Urged

The proposed increase in electricity rates for industry will range between 2 and 20 per cent, and not as originally reported — from 6 to 20 per cent — a subcommittee appointed by the Interministerial Economic Committee to study electricity rates has recommended.

The report will be dealt with by the economic Ministers at their next meeting on Sunday.

The sub-committee, which completed its work yesterday, urged that the increase in rates begin with half a pruta per KWH instead of an initial increase of one and a half pruta per KWH. Thus, industries entitled to benefit from the lowest electricity rates (those using large quantities of electricity or export industries) will pay only the ½ prita increase per KWH.

In addition, the sub-committee recommended that the Palestine Electric Corporation, the country's largest user of fuel, benefit from "the lowest fuel price on the market."

The P.E.C. will probably pay the low current world prices for its fuel if the recommendation is approved.

The sub-committee also recommended that the electricity rates for domestic use be lowered only if it is in the best interest of the P.E.C. and if no additional foreign currency expenditure is required.

Members of the sub-committee were: Mr. M. Bentov, Minister of Development; Mr. P. Naftali, Minister without Portfolio; Mr. K. Lux, Minister of Agriculture; Mr. P. Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry, and Mr. D. Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel.

Further Liberalization Of Imports Dropped

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The plan to extend the imports liberalization policy of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to cover about 80 per cent of Israel's purchases abroad has been dropped for lack of foreign currency. The Government has decided not to allocate the necessary $5m. to $6m. during the coming fiscal year, it was reliably learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

It will be recalled that Mr. M. Zur, Director of the Foreign Trade Department in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, announced last month that his Ministry had requested the additional allocation from the coming foreign currency budget to carry out the plan to expand the liberalization policy. At present, about 35 per cent of imports are affected by the policy, which relaxes import licence restrictions and controls purchases by high duties.

Engineers' Talks With Histadrut Head Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Negotiations between the Histadrut leadership and Engineers' Union heads over wage claims are to be resumed here tomorrow, it was learned tonight.

Now that both the Histadrut Secretary General, Mr. P. Lavon, and the head of the Trades Union Department, Mr. A. Becker, are personally participating in the talks, a compromise solution is expected shortly, despite current tension between the Histadrut leadership and the Union majority.

Meanwhile, full agreement over professional regrading of government-employed technicians was achieved today at a meeting between representatives of the Histadrut Trades Union Department, the Civil Servants and Technicians Unions and the Civil Service Commission.

Negotiations had taken seven months, and the regrading will go into effect within the next few days. The question of retroactivity has still to be decided.

Timna Acid Plant Starts Operation

EILAT, Tuesday. — Thick white fumes issuing from the chimney stacks of the sulphuric acid factory at Timna today heralded the start of production. The plant will produce a maximum of 90 tons of acid a day for the nearby copper works, which uses the chemical in the smelting process.

At present, the acid is produced from sulphur imported through Haifa from Mexico. The possibility of procuring sulphur from Africa is now being studied.

Joanovici to Be Asked To Leave Country Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Joseph Joanovici, alias Yosef Levi, who is wanted by Interpol (International Police) at the request of the Paris Police on charges of swindling the French Government, is to be asked this morning to leave Israel.

This was announced yesterday by the Ministry of Interior spokesman, who said that an order refusing Joanovici's application to settle in Israel had been issued earlier in the day by the Minister.

Joanovici's visitor's visa expired on January 6 and since then his presence in the country has been illegal.

The spokesman said that an appeal against the Minister's decision might be made to the Supreme Court.

He added that the Ministry could not expel Joanovici, since this was a matter involving due process of law. Nor could the Ministry extradite him, since this was not within its province.

However, since Joanovici's presence here was unlawful, he would have to leave, and would probably be deported.

In refusing Joanovici's request, Mr. Bar-Yehuda, the Minister of Interior, wrote that the applicant had asked to settle in Israel under Para. 3 of the Law of Return — 1950. Joanovici, he continued, arrived in Israel on October 6, 1957 on a Moroccan passport made out in the name of Yosef Levi. It bore an Israel entry visa issued by the Israel Consulate in Paris.

The Attorney General's Office had informed Mr. Bar-Yehuda that it had ordered Joanovici to be charged in the Haifa District Court for using a forged passport.

The French Embassy had forwarded a copy of a judgment given against Joanovici by a Paris court on July 20, 1949. He had been found guilty of perpetrating acts endangering the national security of France by helping Germany during World War II, beginning in June 1940. He lost his rights as a French citizen on December 26, 1944, was fined and imprisoned.

The Minister added that, according to his information, Joanovici constituted a public menace. This information included photostats of letters from French Jews who charged that Joanovici had turned their families over to the Nazis, who had killed them. It was not known if there were other similar charges against him.

Agency Office Work To Be Mechanized

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Increased use of automatic office equipment in the Jewish Agency will be recommended by a special committee set up to probe work efficiency, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

For the past three months, the committee has been systematically studying the operation of Agency departments. At the same time, a team of four efficiency experts has been conducting a day-to-day examination of work methods. The Jewish Agency employs 4,900 workers.

Mr. Gedalia Zakif, Secretary-General of the Agency and a member of the committee, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the body would complete its work "within three to four months."

The Immigration and Settlement Departments are the two largest Agency bodies that remain to be studied by the committee.

Mr. R. Kenner, Director of the Histadrut Dues Office in Haifa (and a leading authority on office automation), is chairman of the committee which includes Mr. A. Arieli, Deputy Commissioner of State Revenue; Mr. A. Ben-David, Assistant Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture; Mr. B. Yaffe, Director of the Agency's Administration Department, and Mr. Zakif.

Report On 'Steel City' Said Favourable

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The committee headed by Mr. Simha Blass, which was charged with the investigation of the economic soundness of the plans for the Koor "Steel City" near Acre, has arrived at a favourable conclusion, it was learned today.

The committee has been studying the plans for the past three months. It is understood that it will recommend to the Minister of Commerce and Industry that the plans be fully carried out.

To date, some IL15m. has been invested in the installations. Estimates of the total investment needed to complete the heavy industrial complex range from IL60m. to IL120m.

Accadia Reopening Next Week

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The 120-room Accadia Grand Hotel in Herzliya will reopen on February 27 under Dan Hotel Management, it was learned here today.

The Dan and Miami group bought the Accadia last October for IL2.8m. The hotel, closed for 18 months, has been renovated and tennis courts laid. It is planned to add a swimming pool and turn the establishment into a country club. There will be dancing nightly.

Mr. Sam Federman of the Dan Hotel Management will fly to Eilat on Thursday to choose a site for a 45-room motel, it is learned. The motel will consist of individual prefabricated housing units built of Isasbest. It will cost some IL80,000, and will be ready by April, Mr. Federman said tonight.

Dagon Expansion Plans Approved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Ministry of Transport has approved the development plans of the Dagon Silo Co., at the Haifa Port terminal, it was learned today.

They call for the building of a second storage silo with a capacity of 20,000 tons and of another pneumatic elevator, enabling two grain ships to be unloaded simultaneously. The expansion will entail an investment of IL2m. and $400,000.

The plan is now being checked by the Haifa Port Authority.

Ben Ami Withdraws Order Nisi Request

Mr. Oved Ben Ami, the former Mayor of Natanya, yesterday filed a request with the Supreme Court to withdraw his application for an order nisi against the Minister of Interior.

The order concerned the Minister's confirmation of the action of the Natanya Town Council session that elected Mr. M. Shaked to replace Mr. Ben Ami as Mayor. The hearing was scheduled for Friday. *(Itim)*

Two 8-Year-Olds Hurt Playing with Explosives

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two children were injured on Monday, one of them seriously, when detonators with which they were playing exploded in their hands.

Eight-year-old Kassem Mohammed Mullah, of Kafr Yerka, western Galilee, was wounded in the abdomen by a splinter from the detonator. The boy and his parents at first told the police that unidentified "hunters had shot him," but on investigation it was found that, together with other children, he had been playing with the explosive.

The boy was taken to hospital in a serious condition.

The same day, a detonator exploded in the hands of eight-year-old Haim Cohen, of Rehov Yona Hanavi, Tel Aviv, injuring his face and eyes.

Police stated that the boy had bought the detonator and had tried to set it off with a piece of wire. He was treated by Magen David Adom. Police have opened an investigation.

Dies from Burns At Age of 100

A 100-year-old Jerusalemite, Mr. Menahem Masud, of Rehov Meyuhas, died yesterday after being severely burned some weeks ago by a spirit stove.

He had been admitted to Sha'arei Zedek hospital after flames from the stove, which he used to warm himself, ignited his clothes. *(Itim)*

U.N. Driver Fined, Licence Suspended

PETAH TIKVA, Tuesday. — A driver employed by the U.N. who struck and seriously injured a girl soldier waiting for a lift, was today fined IL165 by the Petah Tikva Traffic Magistrate. His licence was also revoked for six months.

The driver, Ernst Yellinek, aged 38, of Haifa, was speeding on the main Lydda-Haifa road and did not notice a group of girl soldiers signalling for lifts at the side of the road, near the Kfar Saba junction. His car struck Gilah Kinori, 19, of Yagur, injuring her severely.

The accused did not immediately notify the nearest police station and only reported the accident when he reached Haifa.

Bus Hits Elderly Man in Bnei Brak

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A 68-year-old resident of Bnei Brak was seriously injured today when struck by an Egged bus while crossing Derech Hanassi.

The victim, Ze'ev Rodik, was taken to the Beilinson Hospital. The bus driver, Mr. Shmuel Bogin, was detained and later released on bail.

Rabbi Nissim Pressed To Answer Charges

A letter has been circulated by the Council of the Jerusalem Sephardi Community, calling on Rabbi Nissim to answer the charges levelled against him alleging nepotism, corruption and blackmail and demanding a public committee of inquiry into them.

The letter, couched in the form of 11 questions, asks whether it is true that Rabbi Nissim threatened to sabotage the Tenth Anniversary celebrations, exerted pressure to secure his sons' release from military service, and ignored the recognized representatives of Sephardi Jewry, namely Mr. Behor Shitrit, Minister of Police, and Mr. Eliyahu Eliachar.

The letter is signed by Mr. David Siton, Chairman of the Council.

Anti-Natorei Karta Lobby Set Up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A group of Jerusalemites are forming a lobby to counter the "pressure group" set up by Natorei Karta and other Orthodox circles who are protesting against the prospect of mixed bathing at the German Colony swimming pool, it is learned.

A delegation representing the group is to call on Mayor Gershon Agron today to express their viewpoint.

The Mayor is also to receive a delegation of rabbis.

Cold Comfort For Chilly Shoplifter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A woman suspected of shoplifting two dresses from a Jaffa store, and caught wearing both of them, today told a Tel Aviv Magistrate: "I felt cold, so I put on the two dresses, one on top of the other."

The police stated that after the suspect, Miss Rosa Haim, 22, of Tel Aviv, had walked out of the store without making a purchase, the shopkeeper noticed that two dresses were missing. He immediately informed the police.

About an hour later, Miss Haim, still wearing the two dresses, was apprehended.

Because she refused to give her address, Miss Haim was ordered by the Magistrate to remain in custody until she put up IL100 bail. *(Itim)*

Gadna Journal Staged 'Abduction'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A staged "kidnapping" by the editorial staff of "B'mahane Gadna," the journal of the Army Youth Battalions, at the Iwanir store in Rehov Dizengoff here yesterday, was solved by police last night.

Police spokesman Ya'acov Nash said today that they could not bring charges against the men involved (who are servicemen) because they did not cause a public nuisance, but he was investigating means of punishing them. He today met a representative of the Editors' Committee to clarify whether they were considered to be journalists. If they were, the incident was a serious infringement of press ethics, he felt.

Yoram Tohar Lev, 18, represented himself to the Iwanir store manager as a reporter of the daily "Herut," out to get material on the seasonal sales. Whilst talking to the manager, two young men entered the shop, asked if a "Herut" reporter was present, and when he was pointed out, "abducted" him.

Publicity Stunt

One of the "kidnappers" told *The Jerusalem Post* today: "We wore leather coats and caps and I waved a sack so that everyone should see it." The "victim" calmly entered the jeep waiting outside the shop, and they drove off to a party at the editorial office of the paper.

"The intention was to get publicity for the journal" the soldier said. "Nothing can happen to me, I am in the Army and I obey orders." The paper even provided the money for hiring the jeep, he added. An accomplice was planted in the shop to report reaction after the incident.

The "kidnappers," however, did not reckon with the quick reaction of a woman in the store. She followed them and noted down the number of the jeep, and stopped the first police patrol to pass by the shop. The jeep was traced to a dealer who hires out vehicles.

The police detained the young men in the early hours of this morning, but later released them on bail.

64-Year-Old on Trial For Crime Passionel

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The trial opened in the District Court here today of Kadourie Ma'atok, 64, of the Amishav ma'bara, charged with the premeditated murder of a neighbour, Ezra Faraji, also 64, in July last year.

According to the prosecution, Ma'atok stabbed Faraji to death in a brawl between the two in the ma'bara. The accused, who lived a solitary existence and had twice been divorced, had made advances to Mrs. Serina Faraji, 34, who persistently repulsed them, it was claimed.

On the evening of the murder, the accused, in an intoxicated condition, waylaid Faraji and his wife as they were returning home and began cursing the former. A fight between the two men ensued and Ma'atok allegedly knifed Faraji, sat on his prostrate body and then stabbed him a further 18 times. Mrs. Faraji, who was stabbed in the chest, cried for help, but none of the ma'bara residents ventured to help, apparently out of fear.

The accused then ran off shouting: "I killed the dog." He was arrested by police in a nearby cafe.

In a statement to the police, Ma'atok declared that Faraji and his wife had cursed him, and that the former had struck him with a stick and a knife. He said that he had taken the knife from Faraji's hand and stabbed him with it. He himself had sustained head and eye wounds.

The hearing continues tomorrow. *(Itim)*

CRASH. — Eighteen passengers were killed and many severely injured yesterday when a crowded runaway bus raced downhill and crashed into a brickwall in the centre of Quito, Ecuador.

TODAY

is the last day for exchanging your ticket for a new one bearing the same serial number.

The Grand Prize in this series is

MIF'AL IL 30,000 *HAPAYIS*

Exchange your ticket promptly

Police Reward Amateur Sleuth

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Nissim Franco, the 15-year-old who helped the police solve the murder of the 40-year-old paperboy, Hans Hecht, last week, was rewarded with a police prize this morning.

The boy discovered the body, helped identify the victim and gave details that assisted in tracing the alleged murderer.

In the presence of his widowed mother and senior police officers, including inspector Zevulun Baum, who was in charge of the investigation, Police Chief M. Sela handed him a cheque for IL100 and a complete outfit of clothes.

"Thanks to his quick-wittedness and instinct for detection, he helped us solve this brutal murder quickly," Mr. Sela said. He doubted whether any adult could have been more helpful.

Mr. Sela pointed out that Nissim's family is in difficult financial straits and the boy is practically its only breadwinner.

The police had decided to do all it could within its limited means by presenting him with the modest prize.

Nissim Franco is the third of six children. The eldest is serving in the Army and an older brother, aged 16, has just started to work.

Nissim himself was formerly employed as a painter's assistant earning IL2.800 a day, which went towards supporting his family. Recently, however, he broke his arm and had been unable to work.

Military Academy Ups Course to 3 Years

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The curriculum of the military academy run by the Reali secondary school in Haifa is being extended from two to three years, the press was told today.

Aluf-Mishne A. Yaffe, Head of the Army Training Department, and Mr. Neiger, Principal of the Reali school, said that it had been found necessary to keep the students for three years to give them the proper training without overburdening them.

The Academy was established five years ago, and the first group of graduates are now completing their compulsory service period. It was hoped that most of them would join the Regular Army, Mr. Shimon Peres, Director General of the Ministry of Defence, stated.

Students in the boarding school attend the regular classes of the Reali school, but live in separate quarters under semi-military conditions.

Experience has shown that it takes a year for pupils from other secondary schools to adjust themselves to the high standards of the Reali school, it was said. Rigorous examinations are held for applicants, of whom only 40 were accepted last year out of 140 candidates.

Registration for the next school year begins on March 15.

TEL AVIV FACES IL4m. DEFICIT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Municipality will have to decide either to cut services or to increase rates next year because of prospects of an almost certain deficit, Mayor Haim Levanon told the press today.

He was extremely pessimistic about the city's chances of obtaining additional Government aid or grants. Even on a conservative estimate of next year's needs, there would be a deficit of IL4m., he said.

The City's Jubilee Exhibition (to be held in May 1959) will require an initial investment of IL2.5m. for landscape and for part of the construction work, he said.

The buildings would be permanent, convertible structures, easily adaptable for other purposes after the Jubilee, Mr. Arye Elhanani, the architect in charge of design, declared.

Guide to Soilless Home Gardener

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Advances in hydroponics in Israel were discussed at a press conference at Beit Sokolow today to mark the publication of Walter Frankel's book "Garden without Soil."

The author, who is a teacher of agriculture at the Rehavia secondary school in Jerusalem, mentioned such achievements as 31 tons of tomatoes per dunam at the Jerusalem experimental farm and 40 tons per dunam at Hafetz Haim, the religious kibbutz which is the only place where large-scale hydroponics is practised. A normal soil yield is only four to five tons per dunam. *(Itim)*

SHIPS. — World shipping output in 1957 was the highest ever, apart from the war years of 1943-44, Lloyds Register of Shipping reported yesterday. Japan built 28 per cent of the world total of 8,501,404 tons.

No Time for Little J'lem Adloyada

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The "Adloyada Euta" will not be held in Jerusalem this Purim.

The parade, held by school children for the past two years, has been cancelled since the Municipality, and other bodies, are devoting all their efforts to making the Tenth Anniversary celebrations in the capital a success.

Immigration Of 40,000 Seen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

About 40,000 immigrants will arrive in Israel during the coming fiscal year, according to present Jewish Agency estimates.

They are among approximately 200,000 Jews abroad who, according to available Agency data, are candidates for immigration.

A fuller estimate of the scope of next year's immigration and its origin will be arrived at within the next three weeks by the Government-Agency Coordination Committee. It is expected that Agency Executive Members from New York, who are due to arrive for a plenary Executive meeting, will participate in the meeting.

The creation of a subcommittee to prepare a concrete immigration programme and composed of two Ministers and two members of the Executive was decided on at a meeting of the Coordination Committee held in the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem yesterday. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, attended the session, which was chaired by the Prime Minister.

It is learned that the prevailing feeling of the Committee is that in countries where immigration is not in the nature of a rescue operation, it would be desirable to select immigrants for their adaptability. (About eight per cent of immigrants during 1957 consisted of social cases.)

Chemicals, Glass Exports; Meat Imports Delayed

HAIFA, Tuesday.—The Danish freighter s.s. Sibonga is loading 4,500 tons of potash, in sacks, for export to Australia. Another ship, the German vessel F. Ohlrogge, is loading 1,600 tons of ammonium sulphate, 700 tons of potash and 70 tons of plate glass for the Argentine.

The shipment of Argentine meat which the Food Controller expected to arrive today will not reach here until Thursday. The 1,110-ton consignment is due in the s.s. Brins Buttel.

Economic Policy Occupies Knesset in Budget Debate

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Support for and criticism of the Government's economic policies continued to occupy the Knesset yesterday as the debate on the IL1,163m. draft budget entered its second day.

Mr. Akiva Govrin (Mapai) urged the appointment of a committee to study further expansion of development areas. He also proposed the establishment of special administrative offices in Nazareth and Beersheba which would manage the development of immigrant villages in their respective areas.

Greater investment should be made in vocational education, Mr. Govrin said. He agreed that there was need to examine the possibility of reducing Government and municipal personnel.

Miss Esther Wilenska (Communist) asserted that the budget was larger owing to increased military activity in Israel. She attacked the U.S. Operations Mission in Israel, characterizing its activities as intervention in the country's economy.

"Irrational" Taxation

Mr. Idov Cohen (Progressive) said that the country's "irrational" income tax system was leading to social demoralization. The details of the tax reform law to be presented to the Knesset would determine whether the Progressives would be able to vote for it.

Although the Government was today giving unprecedented encouragement to investors, still more could be done. The value of investments must be guaranteed, and "investment missions" should be sent abroad.

Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael) did not see eye-to-eye with Mr. Eshkol's rosy picture of the rise in the standard of living. Many families were on the verge of starvation and lacked the minimum necessities of existence, he said. The budget did not make sufficient provision for social welfare cases.

Aid to Aguda Schools

He also asked for greater Government support for the Agudat Yisrael schools.

Mr. Nahum Levine (Herut) expressed doubt whether the population would reach the three million mark in the coming decade. Immigration was already being curtailed. Moreover, production was down and the trade deficit was up.

Mr. Peretz Bernstein (General Zionist) said that although on the surface the Government's economic activities have had good results, there was one overshadowing cloud: we depend on foreign assistance to the extent of $250m. a year. Many countries today receive foreign assistance, but the dangerous aspect in Israel was the "destructive disproportion" between such foreign support and local production.

Citizenship Change Passes First Reading

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Israel citizens who declare their intention of leaving the country will, with the approval of the Minister of Interior, be permitted to renounce their Israel citizenship under an Amendment to the Naturalization Law which passed its first reading in the Knesset last night. There was no opposition.

The Minister of Interior, Mr. Israel Bar-Yehuda, who presented the bill, said that at present an Israel citizen resident in Israel is unable to renounce his citizenship.

Two of the speakers in the brief debate — Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael) and Mr. Mesbe Unna (National Religious) proposed a change in the wording of the law to make it clear that the Minister did not enjoy complete discretion in this matter and that his refusal to permit renunciation of citizenship might be appealed to the courts.

While they and the other speakers — Mr. Yosef Shofman (Herut), Mr. Nahum Nir (Ahdut Ha'avoda) and Mr. David Bar-Rav-Hay (Mapai) —all took the view that "we don't want to force anyone to remain an Israel citizen against his will," Mr. Bar-Yehuda's reply made it clear that the bill does not reflect that principle.

Mr. Bar-Yehuda said that every Jewish immigrant automatically acquires Israel citizenship. If, in addition, this citizenship could be renounced at will it would become a cheap thing indeed. The bill had been deliberately formulated to show that this right was one granted by the grace of the authorities and was not subject to judicial review, he said.

U.S. Jobless Queue For Food Handout

BIDDEFORD, Maine, Tuesday (Reuter). — About 400 unemployed queued today in this textile city, where about a third of the 13,500 workers are now out of work, to receive a rice, cheese and dry beans distribution from Government surpluses.

A social worker, Mrs. Annette Gagne, said more would probably apply tomorrow for the Government food, sent after local supplies were found insufficient. Biddeford has 1,400 persons on municipal relief.

FREE. — France will shortly abolish customs documents for cars driven by foreign tourists entering the country.

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The Middle East Scene

Lebanon on the Spot

By Amnon Bartur

HOW sound is the Arab Republic, how strong are the bonds that bind Syria and Egypt? Was the Union created **NASSER SPEEDS UP** as a step towards the centuries-old dream of restoring the days of a great empire when "Arab" was synonymous with knowledge and a liberal outlook, or was it a step in the dark taken in desperation, as a last attempt by Syria to avoid total Soviet domination? There is no reason why the Syrians should give away their secrets, and it may be weeks or months before it will be possible for the outside world to interpret this development fully.

Meanwhile both Syria and Egypt have acted in character. Egypt, under strong dictatorship, has allowed no hint to escape that there may be persons of influence who do not eye the rash annexation as an unmixed blessing, and who feel that there is potential trouble enough at home without their relatively orderly and sophisticated ruling clique burdening itself with responsibility for the incalculable and quarrelsome Syrians. The sharply opposed stands of warring factions inside Syria are beginning to be discernable through the splitting seams of the new Union.

Bakdash, the Communist leader, has gone to Moscow, most likely for further training and future employment, but perhaps also to have him out of harm's way while Syria reverses gear from National Communism to Nasserism, which is more similar to National Socialism. General Bizri, the Chief of Staff, a professional soldier with a Marxist background, was in no position to oppose the idea of a union, but as a practical man and a Syrian first and foremost, he would apparently have preferred a federation of the kind effected by the two Hashemite cousins. This is an attitude that may well be shared by many others in Damascus who have an outlook sufficiently westernized to look upon themselves as Syrians, and are no longer family- and clan-ridden traditionalists recognizing nothing between the *hamula* and a mythical entity envisaged as "the Arabs" or even "the Moslems." General Bizri, the Syrian, has thus stayed home. Colonel Sarraj, head of the Syrian intelligence branch, on the other hand, has gone to Cairo, with all the precipitateness characteristic of Syrian politicians. A man scarcely on speaking terms with his Chief of Staff, he was known as the chief agent and executor of Soviet policy in Syria and nevertheless used his influence for full union when the time came. He apparently still supports it, for otherwise he would have escaped to Amman or Baghdad, there to intrigue against Bizri, in accordance with custom. Perhaps he now expects to be groomed by Nasser as chief *Gauleiter* of Syria, or to prepare the transfer to his country of more Egyptian troops, which will no doubt be despatched with the explanation that Syria needs protection against imaginary Israeli troop-massings on the frontier.

Now, in two days' time the popular vote on the union is due. Opposition to the union is not yet crystallized, and if it were it would not be likely to be revealed by the plebiscite now being staged by Nasser, for dictators cannot afford to fail. The plebiscite has already forced him into a sudden show-down with the Sudan over the disputed area along Wadi Halfa whose ownership also gives control of the headwaters of the Nile. Nothing could show more clearly than the use of Egyptian troops in Sudanese territory at this time that the constantly growing need for political successes must necessarily drive dictators from action to rash action until the final catastrophe overwhelms them and their people.

LEBANESE reactions to the proclamation of two separate Arab unions have been characterized by that country's traditional caution towards disputes and rivalries among its Arab neighbours. Lebanon has stressed its independent existence and the frank request that the Arab States refrain from interfering in her domestic affairs.

Shortly after the birth of the United Arab Republic, the Lebanese President, Mr. Camille Chamoun, told Archbishop Ziadeh, spiritual head of the Maronites, the largest single community in the country:

> As long as the Lebanese ... remain united, the Lebanon will preserve its independence ... We want our Lebanon to be strong, free and prosperous. We want to live in freedom and in honour—and not to be submerged by opportunist and ephemeral interests. We wish the Arab peoples all the best; we do not want to interfere in their internal affairs. But we would also ask that leaders of the Arab States behave likewise and refrain from interfering with the Lebanon's internal affairs.

Lebanese leaders have always felt uneasy about all Arab groupings and made a point of keeping aloof from the endless quarrels among their neighbours. Projects of Arab union, such as the Greater Syria and the Fertile Crescent schemes, have been viewed with great reserve ever since Iraq and Jordan started to talk about them in the early 'forties. The Lebanon's chief role in the Arab League, in fact, has been one of conciliation and moderation.

Moslems and Nasser

The Lebanon's chief political problem in recent years has been the growing trend among its Moslem inhabitants to embrace Arab Nationalism *à la* Abdul Nasser, a trend which manifested itself in acts of violence during and since the elections to the Lebanese Chamber of Deputies last June. A predominantly commercial-minded country, it had until a few years ago been free of the political fanaticisms which plagued the other Arab states, and the existence of branches of mostly Syrian extremist groups, like the Parti Populaire Syrien and the Arab Socialist Ba'ath Party, was not noticeable except amongst students and intellectuals.

Following Suez in November, 1956, the Egyptian and Syrian regimes stepped up their radio propaganda against the Government of Sami Solh, and agents sent by the Syrian *Deuxième Bureau*, headed by Col. Abdul Hamid Sarraj, were caught in Beirut on several occasions carrying out acts of sabotage and smuggling arms. The immediate cause of this Syrian-Egyptian campaign was the refusal of President Camille Chamoun to sever diplomatic relations with Britain and France following their military measures in Suez.

Meeting in Beirut

On November 13 and 14, Arab kings and heads of state met in Beirut at the invitation of the Lebanese President. Represented at the meeting were Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria, the Sudan, Libya, the Yemen and Lebanon. The meeting, which was to discuss "the situation arising from the aggression of Britain, France and Israel against Egypt and the Gaza Strip," failed to reach unanimous agreement on measures to be taken against Britain and France, apparently largely through the reluctance of the Iraqi delegation and the opposition of the host Government, which asked that such action be postponed until it became clear that the two Western countries would not withdraw their forces from Egyptian territory.

For some reason, Nasser and the Syrian regime never forgave Chamoun this sin, and the Lebanon's prompt adherence to the Eisenhower Doctrine last spring resulted only in an intensification of their campaigns. Relations between the Lebanon and Egypt were at various times on the point of breaking, and the Cairo papers' smearing campaign against the President and his Foreign Minister, Dr. Charles Malik, led to the banning of all Egyptian publications from Lebanon.

Pro-Nasser Cables

Now, after the establishment of the United Arab Republic, Lebanese opposition groups — almost wholly drawn from the Moslem sections of the population — have been showing increasing activity, and cables of congratulation and support have been flowing in on Cairo and Damascus from the pro-Nasser elements, including some members of the Chamber of Deputies. The Government, understandably wary of antagonizing the new Union, had to put up with these frank affronts.

It is easy to realize why the Lebanon cannot take an openly anti-Nasser stand, and why it should strive to appear neutral in its neighbours' long-standing quarrels. Political life in the Lebanon rests on a very delicate equipoise which even a minor act of tactlessness can upset. The country's population is composed of a wide variety of heterogeneous religious groups, presenting perhaps the closest juxtaposition of sects and peoples within so small a territory.

The President is always a Maronite, the Prime Minister a Shi'i Moslem, the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies a Sunni Moslem, the Minister of Interior a Greek Orthodox, the Foreign Minister a Maronite, the Minister of Defence a Druse — and so on down to relatively minor State posts and army and police commands. The appearance of pro-Nasser, pan-Arab forces within this mosaic of varying racial and cultural elements can only upset the equilibrium and be the end of the Lebanon as it now exists. This is felt all the more acutely because it has now become doubtful whether the Christians still form a majority in the State — an assumption on which the country's whole political organization is based. Over the years many Christians have emigrated to the Americas, and the birth rate among the Moslem population has always been somewhat higher than among the Christians.

Actually, Lebanese fears of submergence in the vast Arab sea surrounding the country has been one of the two major factors governing its relations with its neighbours. Syria's collaboration with Egypt in her efforts to "Islamize" the Lebanon has materially increased the anxiety of the Lebanese, who now lose no opportunity of stressing that their country's independence is sacred and "eternal," and that they mean to guard it at all costs.

The second factor conditioning the Lebanon's relationships has been its consistently Western orientation, which is also a result of the preponderance of Christian elements inside the country. This orientation has been strengthened through education and emigration, factors which have made the Lebanon more sympathetic to the West than any of its Arab neighbours.

Does then the Arab Federation proclaimed on Friday by Iraq and Jordan present a lesser menace to the Lebanon's independence than the Syrian-Egyptian Union? The answer seems to depend wholly on the ability of the Lebanese to preserve their present good relations with Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Jordan, as well as on the three kingdoms' maintaining fairly cordial relations with the West. Yet Lebanese leaders cannot depend wholly on these doubtful assumptions, especially when they are based on the shifting loyalties of unstable regimes. After all, for Lebanon, the main danger of submergence has always come from Jordan and Iraq — the former with its Greater Syria plan, the latter with a more comprehensive scheme for the whole Fertile Crescent. It should be remembered that it was the late King Abdulla of Jordan who once presented the Lebanon with the choice between joining an Arab union and "complete isolation."

BRITISH VIEW: ILLINGWORTH IN 'PUNCH'

ISRAEL'S VIEW: THE EGG AND US

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Ho-Chi Seeks Friendship In India —And Wins It

By Elisabeth Partridge

DR. Ho-Chi-Minh has charmed New Delhi and it had nothing to do with Communism. "Call me 'Uncle Ho' dear children," he urged 3,000 schoolchildren after they had given the North Vietnamese leader a physical training display in sparkling sunshine. "For you I am not 'His Excellency the President.'" This was the keynote of his visit — the little man who padded around in sandals and a very ordinary suit with a Monday morning air about it.

Cynics would describe it as Communist vote-catching, though it had none of the crudeness of B. and K's mass wooing here. Whatever he did, he did with large-heartedness, with sincerity and humility. A diminutive man with a sparse beard, Dr. Ho always looked as if he were about to deliver a lecture on some erudite subject until laughter came breaking in. Suddenly he was transformed into a benign grandfather in some ancient illuminated Chinese parchment, an old man with a young heart. But he was in his element, of course, among crowds. Dr. Ho beamed, blew kisses, hugged children, embraced India's dignitaries, French-style, by kissing them on both cheeks, jumped up and down when excited, refused to sit on a gilded chair of honour and generally delighted everyone with his friendliness and spontaneity.

Uncle Ho

When a little blind girl garlanded him, Dr. Ho gathered her up into his arms and carried her up a path of rose petals to the rostrum, murmuring words of reassurance. On another occasion a little boy ran up and gave him two sticky toffees, for which he was hugged. That is the kind of

homespun leader "Uncle Ho" showed himself, a man you'd like to eat with at the kitchen table.

Just before he left the Capital, Dr. Ho rocked hardened journalists at a press conference. He gained over China's Premier Chou-En-lai by speaking English half the time, instead of relying on his sombre-faced interpreter. He apologized for his "ver' poor Kenglish" then stumbled through a series of spontaneous answers, laughing at his mistakes, never put out of countenance, always diplomatic. "Eef I said that I would not be Ho-Chi-Minh but ver' foolish Minh," he replied to an American question, "Are you dominated by China?" It more than made up for the Communist-line answers he gave to written questions at the beginning of the conference. As he rose to leave, correspondents cheered — for the first time ever.

But there was one written question Dr. Ho omitted: "Do you believe a Communist Commonwealth would be desirable, with all its nations following their own roads to Socialism?" Possibly "Uncle Ho" kept silent out of deference to "Uncle Khrushchev" and "Uncle Mao." Yet this may have been one of the underlying, unmentionable purposes of his visit to New Delhi.

It is now noticeable that the smaller Asian countries are discreetly reaching out for friendship with India—China's ideological rival for Asia's uncommitted millions. Is this a tentative move towards greater independence?

It was obvious last year that this was what the Dalai Lama was doing when he delayed his return trip week after week, apart from the fact that he was enjoying the freedom of shopping and going to the cinema instead of being a Divinity in Tibet. Of all the Asian countries under Chinese domination, Tibet is — so far as one knows — the unhappiest, and it is natural that the Dalai Lama would turn to Mr. Nehru for understanding of his efforts to achieve more freedom.

Wish for Independence

It was also obvious that Dr. Ho has a strong desire for India's understanding and friendship, though he would deny this had anything to do with N. Th Viet-Nam's relations with China. But it seems that the wish for greater independence is there — just as it is in Hungary or Poland — though at this stage it should not be exaggerated. "Different roads to Socialism" are out of the question so long as the Asian Communist countries — including China — are dependent on Moscow for industrialization.

One need hardly emphasize that Mr. Nehru would welcome a Communist Commonwealth, with each country exercising its sovereignty and with Moscow and Peking only the first among equals. However, his relations with the Communist countries are as correct as he can make them, particularly with China within Asia. For this reason alone, he would be reluctant to give the impression he was interfering in either Tibet or North Viet-Nam — even if India weren't Chairman of the International Commission. At the same time, it seems here in New Delhi that Mr. Nehru would be most unhappy to see China extend her influence any more in strategic Indo-China.

Nehru "Non-Aligned"

At any rate Mr. Nehru was scrupulously non-aligned during Dr. Ho's visit, however much he succumbed to his personal charm. Though he praised lavishly, it was noted he only referred to Dr. Ho's own qualities as a "great nationalist leader." He never once condoned Communism. The Communist bloc is not necessarily the gainer from this visit in which Dr. Ho-Chi-Minh won — but also sought out — Indian friendship.

Readers' Letters

CLEANLINESS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Although the municipalities have appealed to the population to keep streets, gardens and yards clean, everyone can see that this campaign has not been successful.

I would suggest that, after giving a time limit of one month, during which the public should be asked to engage in a campaign of good citizenship in this field, the police, municipal officials, railway and bus conductors, ushers and wardens, should be empowered to impose a set fine, to be paid on the spot, or at the nearest post office, in instances where rubbish — paper, cigarette boxes, matches, shells, peels, etc. — is observed being thrown away carelessly. Every owner of a kiosk should be made responsible for the cleanliness of the street within a radius of 30 metres from his stand and should also be obliged to maintain rubbish bins.

The open bins which have been installed in the streets are not hygienic. They are breeding places for flies and people from nearby houses and shops dump their rubbish into them. Closed waste baskets and dust bins should be placed in all public gardens, on the seashore, in railway cars, buses and at places of public gatherings and entertainment.

The whole matter has far wider implications, for people who carelessly throw away all kinds of waste will most probably not be careful at their work or in the handling of machines, materials and their personal property.

Yours, etc.,
H.W. KAISER-BLUTH
Tel Aviv, February 5.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Many thanks to "Resident" for bringing to the attention of the Municipality (your issue of February 13) that Jerusalem's dustbins always seem to be on the sidewalk.

When we raised the question with the contractor building, strongly protesting against the site chosen by him for the dustbins, we were assured that this was done with the consent of the Municipality which requires that dustbins be located within easy reach of the garbage collectors.

It is a pity that "Resident" did not mention at the same time the fact that washing which is hung out on sunny days on front balconies likewise does not add to the beauty of the street or district.

Yours, etc.,
RESIDENT OF 14 BEN MAIMON
Jerusalem, February 14.

PENSION EXCHANGE RATE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have been pleased to follow, in your paper, the monthly summaries of foreign currency revenue brought in by German pensions and annuities.

But I should also be very much interested to learn what were the monthly losses — i.e., the sums which the State of Israel is losing through our wrong exchange policy. Two thousand Jews return to Germany every months in order to live on the real value of their pensions. Quite a number come from Israel.

Why do these people—and they are not the worst—leave the country? Not because they are not happy here or hope to do better in Germany, but because for their monthly DM 420 to 600 they can lead a decent life there, while here they cannot subsist on it.

Industry receives very high export premia and that is right. The Treasury should grant the pensioners, too, a better premium in order to balance the very high prices of consumer goods. The start made on June 1 in this direction was only half-hearted. Conditions should be created for the pensioner to live here on his grant. This would enable the State of Israel to retain, during the coming years, a large amount of foreign currency which could be lost if the present rates are maintained.

Yours, etc.,
PENSIONER
(Name and Address Supplied)
Haifa, December 29.

Copy of this letter was sent to the Treasury on January 14 but no reply has been received. — *ED.*

GERMAN BOOKS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your interesting and conclusive article in today's issue, about book imports from the U.S.A., there is only one small error or omission.

If it is true that German technical books have a limited market, Diane Schloss doubtless means the market for students and people under the age of 30. It should be realized that the demand for German technical, scientific and professional books is very high, especially among people from Central Europe, Poland and Yugoslavia. Unfortunately, the Government allocation is almost nil, although millions of DM reparations money are pouring into the country. In addition, it should be noted that if any German publications come in at all, they are immediately snapped up, even at what seems to be exorbitant prices; this applies to illustrated magazines as well as technical or other books.

Now that German films are already allowed to be shown here, it should certainly be possible to allow a certain amount of German publications.

Yours, etc.
F. FISCHER
Bookshop & Newsagent
Haifa, February 11.

SEWING THREAD

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your report today about two cotton mills planned for Jerusalem, you say that "the sewing thread mill will be the first such factory in Israel."

We wish to point out that we started making sewing thread from Israel cotton more than a year ago and have been supplying it regularly since then.

Yours, etc.
ERICH MOLLER
Moller Textile Corporation
Nahariya, February 10.

BERTHOLD FEIWEL

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I should like to refer to your article: "In Memoriam Berthold Feiwel," in your issue of January 23.

As my father and Dr. Berthold Feiwel's father were brothers, may I point out that the name should be spelt with a "w" and not a "v."

Since Dr. Feiwel was not only a great Zionist and poet but did a great deal for our country, it would only be fitting that our Mayor should take the initiative to have a street named in honour of Dr. Feiwel. This would be a real "memoriam," at least in Haifa. As this is the town which his widow, Dr. Esther Feiwel, has now made her home, I am convinced this gesture would gratify her and his many admirers.

Yours, etc.
GERTRUD CZECZOWICZKA
Haifa, February 2.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Showdown Over Swimming

Hamodia (World Aguda) is adamant on the mixed swimming pool in Jerusalem, stressing that the battle for the sanctity of the city has reached a most serious stage, and that the Orthodox protest will not be stilled by police force or threats. Calling the Mayor's stand on unauthorized demonstrations hard-hearted and provocative, the paper notes that Mr. Agron did not accord a delegation of Rabbis the chance to state their case, while he himself has exploited his position to argue his.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) avers that "militant clericalism" has once again revealed its aggressiveness in Jerusalem's streets with its propaganda against the "Zionist State" and its flaunting impudence in Court. If words do not help, this hooliganism should be silenced by force. The citizens of this country will not put up with such unrestricted attacks upon their conscience and their secular way of living.

Davar (Histadrut) also warns that the large majority that is not orthodox will not give in to Natorei Karta fanaticism, and much less so to terror. In the face of inconsistent demands by Natorei Karta, the Jerusalem Municipality may rest assured that its effort to maintain the reign of law will call forth the sympathy and support of the entire enlightened community.

Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) writes that the non-religious citizens of Israel respect religion but are not ready to give in to violence and will not shape their lives in accordance with the dictates of Amram Blau or those of the Aguda representatives in the Knesset. The religious section of the population does not lack enlightened individuals; yet if they lend a hand to the Natorei Karta they will imply that they agree to kindle a *kulturkampf* in Israel.

Herut writes that the Israel Government's seemingly complacent attitude towards the two Arab unions may be confirmation of the rumour that Washington has asked us to lie low and not to react in word or in speech. Does that mean that we consider the danger unreal or that, once again, as in the period of our retreat from Sinai, we are ready to be content with vague assurances? The Government's impotence at this critical juncture rouses deep concern.

Hatzofe (World Mizrahi) praises Eisenhower's reply to Bulganin on the summit talks and finds his suggestions for an agreed agenda and closed-door discussions logical and practical.

NATURE NOTES

Froggy All Dolled Up

IN December I watched our Pond frog *(Rana ridibunda)* in a puddle near the Zerka River, and for the first time noticed a bright green stripe running from the back of his head all the way down his back. It was so green that at first I imagined he had a blade of new grass lying on his back, but it was not so. I conclude that this is his wedding dress, though according to Cocker it was somewhat early for him to go a wooing. I can find nothing about this adornment on his dull olive-brown upper side in any of the books. But I don't think I have ever found eggs before the end of January.

Our water frog is abundant all over the country, and I like his evening song, which has been rendered as "Brekekekex" by no less an authority than Aristotle. In autumn and early winter this is not heard, however, and I do not hear him croak in the evening until his mating time has begun.

We have only one other frog in Israel; and it is natural that we are poor in amphibia, because, in accordance with their name (meaning that they have two lives) they need water for the first part of their double life. The other frog is a very charming light-green tree frog *(Hyla arborea —ta'pharda ha'ilanot)*, only an inch long unless he stretches his legs. He is a wonderful jumper, and the other evening, finding himself in my terrace room, he jumped right over my head. It was dusk and it remains a moot point who was more frightened for the moment, he or I.

P.A.

MUSICAL DIARY

Thirteenth Concert of Chamber Music. Frank Pelleg, pianist; The Madrigal vocal ensemble, directed by Moshe Badmor (Tel Aviv Museum, February 15.)

THE selected audience which came to this concert was probably attracted by the first appearance of the Madrigal ensemble in Tel Aviv rather than by Frank Pelleg, who was to play some Preludes and Fugues from the "Well-Tempered Clavichord" but it was the latter that proved to be the *clou* of the evening.

Pelleg has reached such maturity in the interpretation of Bach's "Forty-eight" that he could be matched only with difficulty by any pianist of international renown. It is not just the high technical standard, including such characteristic details as the relief-like introduction of each *due* and *comes* in every one of these pieces, but the genuine musicianship and the purity of style that he deploys that places the listener under the impact of these sublime works.

The Madrigal ensemble, consisting of L. Arnon, soprano, H. Ben-Ami, mezzo, E. Hecht, contralto, R. Lavon, tenor and M. Badmor, baritone, presented a selection of religious and secular works of the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries by such well-known composers as Monteverdi, Scarlatti, Salomone Rossi, Schutz, Gesualdo, Janequin and a number of English Madrigal'ists. Though well-prepared and directed, this projection lacked the final touch. The singers seem still too closely bound to the music they read and could not therefore, as yet, create a more intimate contact with the audience. However, the five singers all have well-schooled voices that are quite suitable for the purpose and with more experience they should certainly gain greater freedom in the interpretation of this valuable repertory. *AVIDOM*

Haifa Labour Council Cultural Department. Paul Kelen, pianist. (Beitenu, February 15). Mozart: Sonata in A major; Chopin: Scherzo in B flat minor, op. 31; Chopin: Ballade in G minor, op. 23; Bartok: Rumanian Dances; Mendelssohn: Rondo Cappriciosa, op. 14; Liszt: Sonata in B minor.

MR. Kelen again chose a traditional programme for this season's second piano recital. It partly suffered from the artist's nervousness, although the opening Mozart got a satisfactory interpretation, except for the tendency to exaggerate the fast tempi, especially in the alla Turca.

Chopin's Scherzo and Ballade always have been the audience's favourites. Mr. Kelen's performance was regrettably severely handicapped by a very bad instrument, but beside this his rendering failed to do justice to Chopin by understating phrases where the power of expression requires of an artist that he give his all.

In the Mendelssohn, Mr. Kelen did create a charming poetic atmosphere with his beautiful tender touch, which suited the introductory andante so well, while a blast of temperament was loosened in the presto's virtuosity. With Bartok and Liszt, Kelen paid homage to composers of his native country. They were as appreciated as his Chopin encores where he could take his bow many times.

G.W.-B.

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